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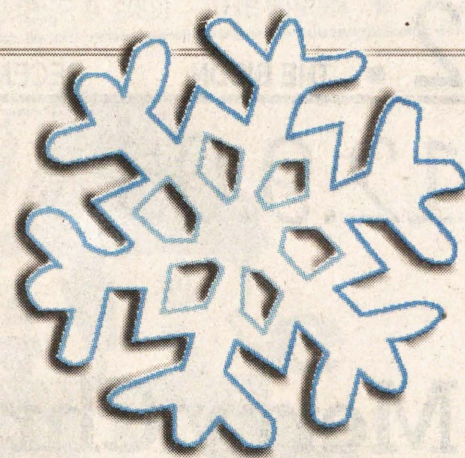
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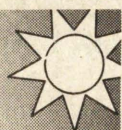
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**Final exams for classes which begin at 4 p.m. or later will be scheduled for the same time as the class normally meets during final exam week.
Two-hour classes will schedule finals for the first hour and 30 minutes of the test period. Finals in 600 level graduate classes, kinesiology activity classes or laboratory classes will normally be given at the last class meeting before the Dec. 12 - 16 exam period.

Social club disbanded

Kappa Sigma Kappa dissolved due to misconduct

REBECCA KING
editor-in-chief
DENNIS McCARTY
news editor

Administrators disbanded the Kappa Sigma Kappa men's social club Nov. 15 after determining that members of the club engaged in behavior and activities violating the university's student code of conduct.

Dr. David Collins, assistant vice president for Student Services, said Student Services began an investigation Nov. 9 after receiving a report of club conduct violations from an anonymous source. After contacting students suspected of involvement with the situation, the club was disbanded. Kappa Sigma Kappa was already on probation with the Office of Student Services for violating the university's student code of conduct last year.

Collins said it is the policy

of Harding not to release the names of students involved in disciplinary actions or the circumstances or details of alleged misconduct.

"A lot of the things we deal with are disciplinary in nature, and because disciplinary action is taken against students, we are going to keep that confidential," Collins said. "There's information out there and rumors out there that are false. We don't see it as our responsibility to protect ourselves at the students' expense. We will always remain silent in order to protect the students."

Senior Chesley Martin, president of Kappa Sigma Kappa, said he believes Student Services had the right to investigate, but thought the investigation went "a little overboard," speaking of the initial seven-hour Nov. 9 investigation. Collins confirmed that a seven-hour investigation did happen, but said separate groups were interviewed at different times

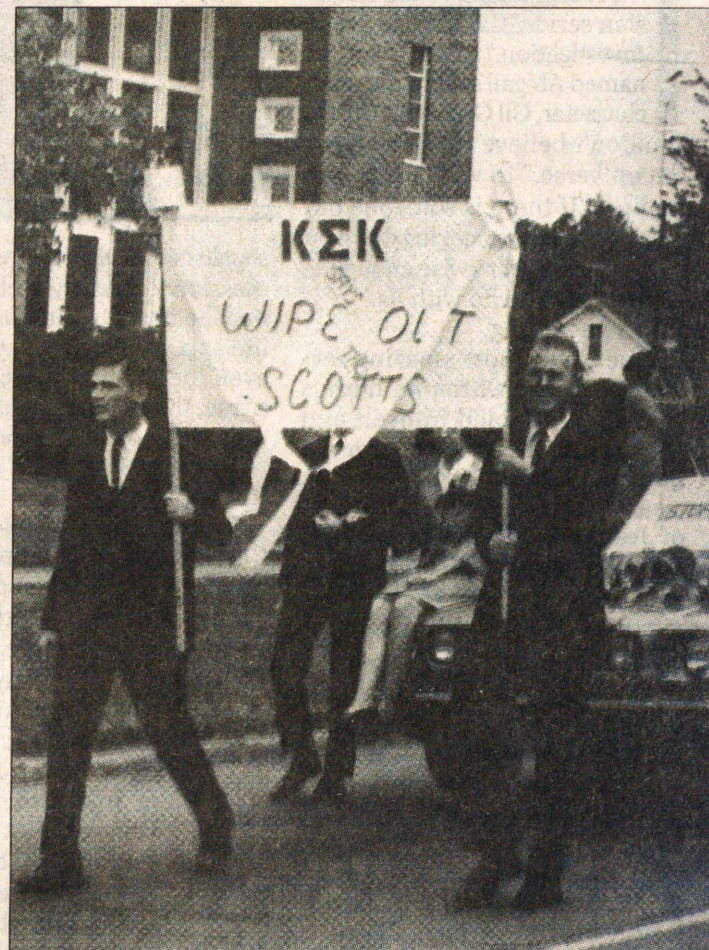
during that period. Collins said the full investigation lasted a week.

As for legal actions taken against the university or the club, there have been none. According to Amber Dillon, Searcy Police Department public information officer, no charges of hazing have been filed in Searcy in the last month, and, according to the Searcy Municipal Court, no lawsuits have been filed against Harding in the last month, either.

Though no legal processes have been enacted, Harding disbanded the club and took other disciplinary actions, a Nov. 16 press release said.

"I'm sad any time we have a situation that requires discipline," President David Burks, who sponsored Kappa Sigma Kappa in 1968, said. "But I have great confidence in the decision that has been made. [Kappa Sigma Kappa] was on probation; they clearly violated the terms of that probation, and, consequently, I think the appropriate action was taken."

Collins said the university is sad when members of the Harding community make



PETIT JEAN/Courtesy Photo

Kappa Sigma Kappa members Glenn Barber and Gary McDonald carry a banner promoting school spirit prior to the 1966 Homecoming game against Maryville College. The club was disbanded in its 41st year after having been found to have engaged in behaviors and activities that violated the university's student code of conduct.

poor decisions.

"Obviously, in a community this large, it's impossible to avoid [mistakes] completely," Collins said. "It's sad for us,

but at the same time, when we deal with them, we work with them, and we deal with them appropriately."

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Global warming and record hurricane season debated

BRIDGET GIRTON
staff writer

The recent spate of hurricanes in and around the United States — the highest number of hurricanes in more than 70 years — has caused some people to debate whether global warming is to blame. Although most scientists admit there has been a warming trend, some disagree about the causes of global warming.

Dr. David Cole, chairman of the physical science department, said, when the earth is warmed by the sun's energy, some of that energy is radiated back from the earth and absorbed by atmospheric gases, not allowing the heat to leave the earth.

"Greenhouse warming, or the greenhouse effect, as it's often called, is a natural phenomenon," Cole said. "Without it, the earth's surface would be about 32 degrees Fahrenheit colder than it is now, so it's important for us to have the greenhouse warming in order to enjoy the temperatures that we do. The

problem comes whenever more greenhouse gases are put into the earth's atmosphere that absorb more of that radiated energy from the earth's surface, which, in turn, re-warms the earth's surface."

Cole said greenhouse gases, especially carbon dioxide, have been increasing rapidly over the past 100 years. Since the Industrial Revolution, the average global surface temperature has increased about 1.1 degrees Fahrenheit, Cole said.

Dr. Keith Schramm, associate professor of physical science, said he believes that although most scientists agree that the Earth has been getting warmer over the past 100 years, some scientists are not fully convinced that this is caused by human production of carbon dioxide.

"The problem with global warming is that it's

an extremely complex thing," Schramm said. "The planet is currently in a warming trend. People look at this little piece of data the last 100 years and see that that's when we started burning fossil fuels, and assume that there is a cause-effect relationship. That's not necessarily true."

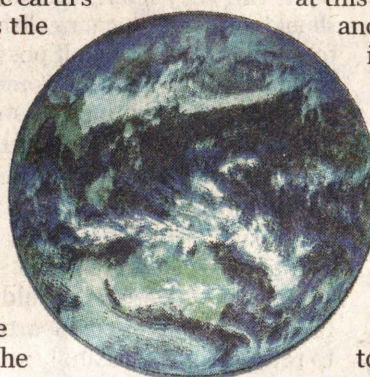
Schramm said he tries to present both views to his classes.

"It might be happening, but then again it might not be," Schramm said. "I try to present the evidence for it and against it."

Cole said people are more likely to ignore global warming because the changes are gradual.

"I think most people are less prone to react to something that has a timescale of a hundred years than they are to something that has a timescale of weeks or months or just a few years," Cole said.

See Warming, page 4



Anniversary of Pearl Harbor invokes veteran's reflections

LINDSEY LOWE
student reporter

In the past month, the citizens of Arkansas and students at Harding have honored members of the United States Armed Forces.

The state Capitol building in Little Rock housed the city's annual Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 11, according to that day's edition of the Arkansas Democrat Gazette, and Major General Don Morrow, adjutant general of the Arkansas National Guard, gave the ceremony's main address.

Harding's International Historical Honors Society and the American Studies Institute co-sponsored a World War II veterans roundtable. Dr. Julie Harris, assistant professor of history and geography and organizer of the event, said more than 30 students attended the Nov. 14 event.

"[The purpose of the event was] to honor the 60th anniversary of the end of the war and to expose students on campus to firsthand stories of the veterans while we still have veterans left," Harris said.

Though too young to have witnessed the events of World War II themselves, many students at Harding, like sophomore Jacob Spillman, have close relatives who were directly involved.

Spillman said his grandfather, Harvey Wesley Spillman, worked aboard the U.S.S. Logan attack transport, stationed in the South Pacific during WWII.

Mr. Spillman was in his first year of college when Pearl Harbor was attacked by the Japanese on Dec. 7, 1941, the 64th anniversary of which was remembered last Wednesday. When he first received word about

the events, he was lying in bed in his dormitory, he said.

"I think I felt like everybody else; I was shocked," Mr. Spillman said. "I didn't know what to think. It took a while for it to dawn on me that I wouldn't get to stay [at school], and I didn't."

Mr. Spillman said he saw events of the war firsthand as he directed care

for wounded soldiers on the Logan, and he vividly remembers specific events.

"I was out on the deck of the ship when the Marines went off, and I saw them when they first went up on the beach," Mr. Spillman said. "They went up maybe 100 yards, and then, all of a sudden, the [enemy] had all the guns pointed at the place where they came, and they just started shooting. Finally, I saw a little boat coming back to the ship, and it was bringing the first wounded."

Mr. Spillman and other soldiers worked on the boat traveling to different places, and sometimes they did not even know where they were headed, he said.

"We went to Pearl Harbor and saw some of the damage that was done there," Mr. Spillman said. "Without seeing it, you couldn't imagine how terrible it was."

Mr. Spillman and his wife, Dottie, said they believe it is extremely important to remember the events of WWII and the attack on Pearl Harbor.

"[The soldiers gave] their lives," Mrs. Spillman said. "[My husband] gave his health. And I wish that I could see young people love this country enough that, when we are attacked, under any condition, they will go."



CHELSEA ROBERSON/The Bison

Army veteran Charley Taylor and Boy Scout Paul Edwards gaze into the flames Dec. 7 as an American flag is retired. Veterans from the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall in Searcy, Ark., joined with Scouts from Troop 1301 to retire the flags on the 64th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, attack.

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Merry Christians?

Believers should celebrate holiday

In a recent airing of the television series "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," a young woman named Abigail said to the main character, Gil Grissom, "Surely you don't believe we're alone in the universe," to which Grissom replied, "If there is someone out there, somewhere, looking down on us, I'm sure they're wise enough to have nothing to do with us."

He was wrong.

One of the most amazing revelations of the Christian faith is that God humbled himself and became mortal by being born of a human mother. The Bible is very clear on this, and most followers of Jesus celebrate the day when "God became flesh" on Dec. 25, as if observing Christmas were a natural and necessary part of being a Christian.

Careful students of the Bible, however, know that nowhere in the Bible are Christians commanded to observe Christ's birthday. In fact, the word "Christmas" does not even occur in the Bible. So, where does Christmas come from?

The exact date of Christ's birth is unknown. For a while in the third century, Jesus' birth was celebrated by some Christians on Jan. 6. The celebration was moved in the fourth century to Dec. 25 to counter a pagan festival day held in honor of "The Invincible Sun." Thus the church hoped to adapt a pagan celebration and sanctify it for the honoring of God and celebration of Christ's incarnation. They observed a church service, or "mass," in honor of Christ's birth, giving us Christ's mass, or "Christmas."

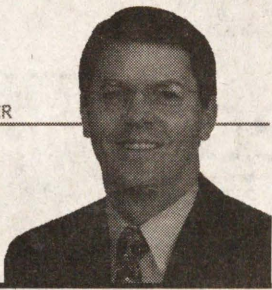
The new Christian festival was slow to catch on. The first clear evidence we have for the celebration of Jesus' birth on Dec. 25 comes from Rome in A.D. 336. Today, virtually all believers in Christ around the world celebrate Dec. 25 as the day of Christ's birth.

But a few do not, for two primary reasons. The first is that Christmas is not found in the Bible, and the first disciples did not celebrate Christ's birth. Christians are therefore not "authorized" to celebrate Christmas. The second is that Christmas is closely connected with paganism in its origin (Dec. 25 and sun worship) and in its current practice. (Decorated trees and wreaths, mistletoe and other elements of Christmas can be tied to ancient pagan practices and beliefs.)

Other believers, by way of compromise, believe that Christmas

DR. KEN NELLER

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should not be celebrated as a religious occasion (especially in church), but may be observed in one's private life as a secular holiday, perhaps even including the decorating of a tree, the exchanging of gifts and the singing of secular songs such as "Frosty the Snowman" and "Deck the Halls."

Though the principles of these Christians may be admired, their position is not without difficulties. Those who observe Christmas as a religious event believe that while Christmas as a "holiday" is not in the Bible, the event which it commemorates is. While the exact date for Jesus' birth is unknown, why can't believers pick a date and celebrate the birth of our Savior? There is nothing in the Bible that would preclude this. Since the Bible is silent on the issue, no one can fault those who choose to dedicate to the Lord a particular day to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Finally, Christians who observe the "day" of Christ's birth believe the witness of the church must be considered. Surely, the world of unbelievers or uninformed believers would consider it astoundingly strange if Christians did not observe the day set aside by the rest of the world to celebrate their Savior's birth. Or worse, they might consider Christians who observe Christmas in private but not in public, or who advocate "taking Christ out" of Christmas as secularists do, hypocritical.

At the very least, Christians should consider "becoming all things to all men so that by all possible means [we] might save some" (1 Cor. 9:23). Celebrating Christmas, most say, does not violate any biblical principles and is a wonderful opportunity for reaching out with the gospel. There can never be a bad time to celebrate Jesus.

At best, Christians should embrace Christmas as an opportunity to remind an increasingly secular world that the holiday is not about "presents," but "presence." We should embody the spirit of Christmas year-round so God can become flesh once again through us. □

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HAPPENINGS

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WEEKLY WINDOW



Flapping imaginary wings, junior Matt Gaston and sophomore Isaac Bailly, members of Chi Sigma Alpha, leap on to the backs of club brothers senior Ryan Kraus and sophomore Scott Leonard to act out the "partridge in a pear tree" line of "The 12 Days of Christmas" Dec. 5 during Chi Sigma Alpha Caroling. Members of Chi Sigma Alpha continued the club's tradition of caroling outside the women's dorms.

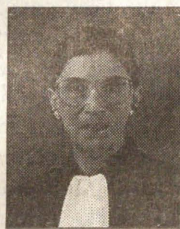
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IN & OUT: NEWS TO KNOW

Supreme Court hears abortion case

New Hampshire Attorney General Kelly Ayotte urged the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold the state's current parental notification law rather than rewriting the law to include exceptions for medical emergencies, a Nov. 30 Associated Press article said. The current law requires parental notification of a daughter's decision to have an abortion and a subsequent 48-hour waiting period, and does not make allowances for medical emergencies. The law does not challenge the 1973 Roe v. Wade case, in which the Supreme Court ruled that abortion is a constitutional right.

Justices hearing the case agreed on two basic principles: Laws regulating a minor's access to an abortion must make allowances for medical emergencies, and the current New Hampshire parental notification law does not allow for such instances. The law is too broad in that it regulates non-emergency cases but not emergencies, a point made by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, according to a Dec. 1 New York Times article. The dispute centers on how to fix this problem, according to the article.



GINSBURG

Harding faculty in Memphis opera

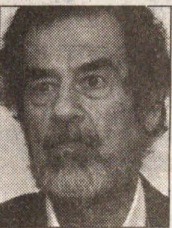
Laura Eads, adjunct teacher of voice, will perform a leading role in the Dec. 9-11 Opera Memphis production of Gian Carlo Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors." The opera has been a traditional holiday favorite since its 1954 premiere as the first opera composed for television. Eads plays the mother of Amahl, a crippled shepherd boy.

The story tells of Amahl and his mother being visited by three kings bringing gifts on their way to find a king. The mother tries to steal the kings' gold to help her son, and when she is caught, the kings offer to let her keep the gold. They tell her the king they seek needs nothing but love to rule his kingdom, and she returns the gold, Amahl offers his staff as an additional gift and suddenly is able to walk. The boy then leaves with the kings to pay homage to the child who healed him.

Hussein boycotts trial

Former President of Iraq Saddam Hussein refused to enter court on Dec. 7, the fifth session of his trial, according to a Dec. 7 My Way News article. According to Iraqi law, the trial can continue to its conclusion without Saddam, but the court is obligated to keep him informed of developments.

Since the trial began Oct. 19, its progress has been interrupted by disruptions from Hussein and his co-defendants, including his half brother Barzan. They claim the trial is a sham and have repeatedly berated the judge, Rizgar Mohammed



HUSSEIN

Amin, as well as the chief prosecutor and have accused witnesses of lying. The witnesses testify from behind a curtain out of fear for their lives.

The court has been adjourned twice due to the assassination of two attorneys, faulty court equipment, and frequently rambling witness testimony, according to the article. Iraqis say the process of trying Hussein could help them move on from the atrocities of his 30-year rule, the article said.

"Oleanna" addresses power of words

David Mamet's "Oleanna" will be performed Dec. 9-11 at 7 p.m. in the Little Theatre. The play features senior Brandt Roberts as a college professor and sophomore Jodi Pittard as a college student accusing her professor of sexual harassment.

The focus of the play is on the power of words and the meaning of language, as well as the individual's interpretation of it. The piece stresses that meaning is independent of words. In this consideration, teachers are encouraged to evaluate their teaching methods and motivations, according to the Dec. 1 "Oleanna" Harding theater department press release.

Director Adam Sullivan said his goal is for the audience to see both sides of the argument.

"Ultimately, I want the audience to see the flaws in both of the plays' characters — that neither of them are faultless, and both will suffer from and be changed by the consequences of their actions," Sullivan said.

Tickets are available in the Reynolds communication office and are \$4 or free with the Pass.

Gibson to produce Holocaust mini-series

Con Artists Productions, Mel Gibson's TV production company, is developing a four-hour mini-series for ABC based on Flory A. Van Beek's memoirs of surviving the Holocaust. The memoirs, which were self-published by Van Beek, describe losing relatives in concentration camps and being hidden from the Nazis by gentile neighbors.

A Dec. 6 New York Times article said Gibson is not expected to act in the mini-series, nor is it guaranteed that the project will be completed and broadcast.

According to the Times article, Quinn Taylor, ABC's senior vice president in charge of movies for television, said having Gibson attached to the Holocaust project was an attention-getting factor.

The article said part of this controversy is due to the fact that Gibson's father publicly denied the occurrence of the Holocaust.

Taylor said the level of Gibson's involvement would not be determined until the mini-series is completed.

The Times article said the producers have recently signed a writer, Cynthia Saunders, but they do not expect a script until spring.



VAN BEEK

FACES IN THE CROWD

Malina Thiede, senior



Hometown: Highland Village, Texas

Major: English

Favorite Christmas food: Cranberries

Apple cider or egg nog? "I like both. Apple cider if it's cold, and egg nog if I'm not too full, although I prefer soy nog."

Favorite literary villain: Grendel's mother ("Beowulf")

If someone made a movie about you, who would you want the lead actress be? Probably Julianne Moore

Favorite European country: France

CD you regret buying: Any Death Cab for Cutie CD

What was your best day? Riding bikes in Rome

If your life was a music video, what would the song be? "Army of Me," Bjork

Favorite Midnight Oil drink: Soy Vienna

If you could travel back in time, to which era would you return? "I would be in the court of Francis I."

Tri Kappa votes to dissolve after spring

60-year-old club prepares to bid final farewell after induction woes

SUSANA VELIZ
student reporter

Tri Kappa social club decided to disband after a 2/3 majority vote during a Nov. 14 meeting. The disbandment will be effective at the end of Spring 2006, junior Charlotte Rodgers, president of Tri Kappa, said.

Rodgers said the club used to be one of the largest women's clubs on campus, but splits over club values within the last five years have caused a decrease in membership.

The club currently has about 16 members with several inactive members around campus, Rodgers said. Four of the current members will be graduating this year (two each semester), and three would have become inactive within the next two semesters if the club had lasted.

"Most of the members are for disbanding the club," Rodgers said. "The ones who joined in the spring are disappointed, but they will have the opportunity to join with another club. Older members knew it was coming and, in hindsight, wish it could have been done earlier."

"We actually were planning on disbanding last spring, but we decided to do a last-ditch effort by opening up the club. We brought up [the issue] to the club [Nov. 14]. We talked to the girls about it, got their comments, then held a secret ballot vote on whether or not we should disband."

Rodgers said Tri Kappa had officially started talking to the administration the week prior to Club Week and informed them about their decision after the vote.

Sophomore Kathryn Ambrose, Tri Kappa athletic director, said the club decided to remain active until the spring semester, which coincides with the club's 60th anniversary.

"We'll be doing our activities with Omega Lambda Chi," Ambrose said. "We'll still be wearing our jerseys and our colors until the end of next semester, but when fall comes we'll be officially [part of] Omega Lambda Chi."

April Fatula, Tri Kappa sponsor, said eight women have already been voted into Omega Lambda Chi.

"[Disbanding is] disappointing, and it's something that the leadership of Tri Kappa — particularly in the last few years



AUDRA NORRIS/Courtesy Photo

Senior Audra Norris, Tri Kappa historian, poses with junior Lee Mitchell, Tri Kappa beau, Dec. 4 at Doc's Grill. The formal continued to Lasercade later that evening.

— has tried to avoid, but because of the toiling size, disbanding became inevitable," Fatula said. "It is really a shame that a club [almost 60-years-old] ends up this way. On a positive note, I think that the girls have shown a lot of maturity about this."

Fatula said she pledged Tri Kappa in 1996 and has been a sponsor for the past five years.

"I will say that the week did show us how strong we were as a club and how loyal we were to each other as well as [to] the club," Rodgers said. "I wish the week had gone better than it did for members and more importantly the pledges."

Rodgers said Tri Kappa sent bids to eight people, but only one person completed the process.

"From my perspective, it is very disappointing," Fatula said. "You love and appreciate your club and want others to have that same feeling about your club."

Rodgers said Tri Kappa went through a reorganization process last spring that included "opening up the club" by setting goals and trying to unify the club with new members.

"We wanted to strengthen our fellowship," Rodgers said. "We had almost 20 respond last spring, but only 10 actually joined the club."

A name change was considered as part of the club's reorganization process; Rodgers said, however, the club decided against it after discussing it with older members and sponsors, some of whom had also been Tri Kappa members. □



AARON LANDRY/The Bison

Students ponder next steps for war

BRIDGET GIRTON
staff writer

In a Nov. 30 speech at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., President Bush rejected the idea of setting a timetable for withdrawal from Iraq. This came in response to a Nov. 15 vote by the Senate demanding that the president identify his strategy for withdrawing U.S. troops, according to a Nov. 16 San Jose Mercury News article.

The speech was part of a series of speeches leading up to the Dec. 15 elections in Iraq.

According to a Nov. 30 Washington Post article, in his speech, Bush said conditions in Iraq would be the deciding factor concerning when the troops will be withdrawn, rather than a specific timetable. Bush emphasized that progress is being made, but the U.S. cannot withdraw from Iraq until their mission is complete.

A document entitled "National Strategy for Victory in Iraq," released by the White House Nov. 30, said, "Our mission in Iraq is to win the war. Our troops will return home when that mission is complete."

Despite increasing pressure on Bush for a timetable, Bush has refused on grounds that it is not a plan for victory. The document adds, "No war has ever been won on a timetable, and neither will this one."

In the Mercury News report, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist said he believes that setting a specific timetable is a bad idea.

"It's irresponsible to tell the terrorists, who we know are waiting to take us out, what that timeline is," Frist said. "A cut-and-run strategy plays right into their hands."

The debate over a possible end to the war in Iraq has drawn varied reactions from students.

Sophomore Angela Johnson said she agrees with Senator Frist's opinion that a timetable would be an invitation for terrorist attacks.

"I think that if Bush had a timetable of getting out of the war, that as soon as that date passed, then the al-Qaida would choose that day or pretty soon after that to have an attack, to do something that would either attack America or hurt the Iraqis," Johnson said.

Johnson said it is best to wait until the Iraqis are ready for the U.S. to leave.

"I don't think we should

speed things up; I don't think we should slow things down," Johnson said. "I think we need to do it on the Iraqis' time, and whenever they're ready for us to leave, then we should leave."

Junior Josh Chick, a specialist in the Army Reserves, said Bush is right in not setting a timetable because it will take time for the army to finish its work.

"Withdrawing from a place is a lot harder than it really seems like," Chick said. "You'd think that we could just pack up and leave, but it's not exactly that easy."

Chick said the Iraqi soldiers need to be trained before U.S. troops can leave.

"We have to give them all the tools that we have; that's why we're there, [to give them] tools and manpower to control themselves, and then we can leave," Chick said.

Freshman Jakari Benton said troops should start coming home by this summer, giving Iraqis a chance to govern and defend themselves.

"Help them establish their government; that's the most important thing," Benton said. "They're their own country; that's the only way they can stand on their own two feet."

Freshman Garrett Webb said U.S. troops need to finish their mission.

"My take on it is we're finishing what we started," Webb said. "And I agree with finishing, because you can't leave a job halfway done."

At the same time, Webb said he agrees that Bush should identify a clearer strategy.

"The least President Bush could do for the citizens of America is just explain what's going on," Webb said. "I trust his judgment, and I know a lot of people stand behind President Bush, but he really needs to explain himself."

Senior Jason Ballenger said he believes the Iraqi military and police need to be provided with sufficient funds, materials and training for a withdrawal to be effective.

"However many soldiers that are needed over there, I think we're going to have to train that many Iraqi soldiers to take that many American soldiers' place," Ballenger said. "We'll never really pull all our troops out, because we're always offering aid to several countries, but I think we'll be done when we can successfully or safely pass on major operations to the Iraqi military that we've trained." □

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GARRETT WEBB,
freshman

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Christian schools attack UCLA

ANDREW LEEPER
student reporter

Calvary Chapel Christian School, in Murrieta, Calif., and the Association for Christian Schools International are filing a lawsuit against the University of California, accusing UCLA of denying admission to students from Calvary Chapel because of religious themes in the courses offered in the school. The case will be heard Dec. 12 in Federal District Court in Los Angeles, Calif.

The ACSI represents about 5,300 Christian schools around the world, according to its Web site.

According to a Nov. 20 New York Times article, the lawsuit cites "viewpoint discrimination" and unfair admission standards as the

grounds for battle at the court hearing.

According to the Times report, UCLA lawyer Christopher Patti said the suit is baseless — 43 courses from Calvary Chapel Christian School were recognized by UCLA, and 18 Calvary students have been offered admission since 2002.

Mark Benton, headmaster of Harding Academy, said he has had to sort out situations related to this issue for some time now.

"Thus far, we have not had any student graduate from an [Arkansas Nonpublic School Accrediting Association] accredited school run into this problem," he said. Benton said all state colleges and universities in Arkansas will accept students from an ANSAA accredited schools as

if they were graduating from a public high school.

Benton said he is concerned, however, that the relationship between independent Christian schools and state schools may worsen.

Freshman Aimee Cancienne said it is right for schools to file suit in cases such as Calvary Chapel's.

"I don't think that it is fair for a student to be rejected [from a college] because he or she was raised in a Christian atmosphere," Cancienne said.

Senior Janine Criswell said the issue should be kept out of courts.

"It doesn't seem a good way to get the Christian name out in public, but I don't think it is right for colleges to [reject students for their background] at all," Criswell said. □

'The Master Class'



CHELSEA ROBERSON/The Bison

Seniors Cassie Withrow (at piano) and Heather Stringfellow rehearse Nov. 17 for their performances in "The Master Class," a play by Terrence McNally, directed by Britton Lynn, assistant professor of communication. The play, which ran Dec. 1 and 2, showcased the sentiments of an opera singer.

Harding awards 'Biggest Losers'

NATALIE LOLLIS
student reporter

This fall, more than 175 faculty and staff members began a seven-week weight loss program inspired by the NBC television show, "The Biggest Loser." Stephen Burks, wellness program coordinator, created a campus-wide "Biggest Loser" contest, encouraging participants to lose weight in teams. The contest ended Nov. 16, with the 11-member team from ARAMARK in first place.

Burks said prizes were offered for the team and for the individual who lost the most weight at the end of the program. The prizes for the top five individual winners included two \$50 Wal-mart gift certificates, two polo shirts and a full body massage from Serenity Day Spa. The members of the winning team each received a free month at the Searcy Athletic Club, and individual winners from each team received T-shirts.

Burks said the emphasis on teamwork lessened the temptation to give up when dieting individually.

"When someone is counting on you, you get a little better result, a little more motivation and a little more persistence," Burks said.

After the competition was over and the total faculty weight loss was 1,300 pounds, Burks said he was pleased with the results. He said that some participants lost up to 30 pounds.

Participants weighed in every week, and their weight loss in pounds was converted into percentages. The group with the highest average of percentages in weight loss won.

"We really worked at it and tried hard to do a good job," Melanie Grady, food service manager, said. "We kept each other motivated, accountable and encouraged."

Burks said future contests are in planning. "This was just the first attempt with this competition, and we already know how to make it better for next time around," Burks said. □

Warming trend blamed for storms

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Cole said the belief that global warming is contributing to the number of hurricanes this season is not necessarily true.

"Some have tried to make a connection between the global climate warming and the increase in the number of hurricanes this year, but I think most meteorologists say that connection is very tenuous at best," Cole said. "There appears to be about a 10- to 20-year cycle of hurricane frequency in the Atlantic, and it just looks like we're going into one of these 10-year cycles."

According to an Oct. 24 Pew Research Center update online, the 2005 hurricane season has shown great hurricane

activity, with 18-21 tropical storms and 9-11 hurricanes projected, 5-7 of which were expected to reach category 3 or higher.

The PRC update also said the 2005 hurricane season has had 22 named tropical storms, twelve of which became hurricanes, six of them major hurricanes. This has been the most active season on record.

The hurricanes have caused some people to believe more strongly in global warming. Senior Julia Selby said she has noticed a change in media coverage of global warming in the past few weeks.

"I think in the past it's been treated as a debate, but recently, due to the hurricanes, it's been

treated more as a fact," Selby said.

Schramm said he thinks the media has treated global warming as a fact when the evidence, he believes, is inconclusive.

"I think the media tends to take it as a hard fact," Schramm said. "They sometimes will put in there that there are skeptics, but the media tends to portray that this is happening."

Schramm said the government and individuals should take steps to ensure that global warming does not get worse. He suggested small changes, such as carpooling and walking to class in order to burn less gas, but said spending millions of dollars to combat global warming is unwise. □

Disbanded club members question new induction standards

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Junior Mason Binns said he believes the club's reputation was a factor in the university's decision to disband the club.

"As far as Harding's rules are concerned, [I think] every club does something that the school wouldn't approve of," Binns said. "[But] if you have a good reputation going into [Club Week], you're more likely to get away with it."

Senior Jaime Castro, who joined Kappa Sigma Kappa in 2003 and had been inactive from Kappa Sigma Kappa, said the induction week practices then consisted of learning names of members and the history of the club, and participating in activities like barbecues and sports.

"I've heard that [Kappa Sigma Kappa] has had a bad reputation for quite a while, but it's mostly rumors and gossip," Castro said.

J. D. Yingling, associate professor of kinesiology and sponsor of Kappa Sigma Kappa, said that club reputation is misleading.

"I don't think you can fault a club," Yingling said. "It's individuals that do things to create a bad reputation."

News of the alleged hazing activities was covered by the city and state news outlets. In a Fox 16 report broadcast Nov. 16, two anonymous students said the charges were

"ludicrous" and that Harding was unforgiving.

Martin said the students had a right to say whatever they wished.

"You choose to say what you say," Martin said. "It's just however those guys felt. I'm not saying they were right or wrong, but you have the freedom of speech."

Collins said the event leading to the club's dissolution was an isolated incident.

"We're talking about an incident with only one club out of 32," Collins said. "It's unfair that this one incident overshadows the tremendous strides that the other clubs took this year in doing what we asked them to do."

Burks said he thinks Harding has a wonderful club system and hopes this incident will not distract from the good resulting from this year's Club Week.

"I think we enjoyed a very good week," Burks said. "I believe in our students, I believe in our social club process, and I believe it will continue to prosper."

Last year, Collins said, Student Services challenged the clubs to examine their club activities and compare those activities to their mission at Harding and their Christian walk. If their club practices did not align with the tenets of Christianity, they were asked to try to develop new ways of accomplishing the

induction of members. One of the changes to occur was the transition from "Induction Week" to "Club Week."

"[Student Services has] spent a tremendous amount of time and energy trying to develop a system to help students in the social clubs develop a culture that is in line with the beliefs of the university," Collins said.

Martin said he has mixed feelings on whether the new induction process rules are fair.

"Harding wants to take a more Christ-like approach to Club Week, which I totally understand and agree with," Martin said. "But, I think there are ways you can take a Christian attitude toward aspects of the week, and you can still do some of the older things instead of changing a lot of the rules, which makes the week pointless."

Other club members reacted negatively to the new Club Week rules.

"I don't understand clubs anymore, if [an inductee] is automatically a new member," sophomore Jason Tooke, a member of Kappa Sigma Kappa, said. "What's the point? We could all be a club of everybody."

Student Association President Josh Bundy said the induction process can still be fun for

students, but everyone is called to be Christ-like in their behavior.

"Any time, as Christians, we agree in word to submit to a standard, we should make sure our actions agree with what we've said we would do," Bundy said.

Collins said one of the greatest challenges in the social club program is that there is so much folklore and urban legend involved in it.

"Year after year, students tell the freshmen that they had it easier than they had it in years before," Collins said. "I don't think we've made drastic changes as far as the overall structure [of Club Week]."

Tooke, however, said the changes threatened Kappa Sigma Kappa's identity.

"I couldn't think of anything we'd do differently," Tooke said. "We're not going to change who we are just because Harding wants to change."

Collins said that as society changes, it is important to remember that, at a Christian university, what is appropriate does not change.

"From our standpoint, we look at things based on Christian principles," Collins said. "That is a never-changing standard." □

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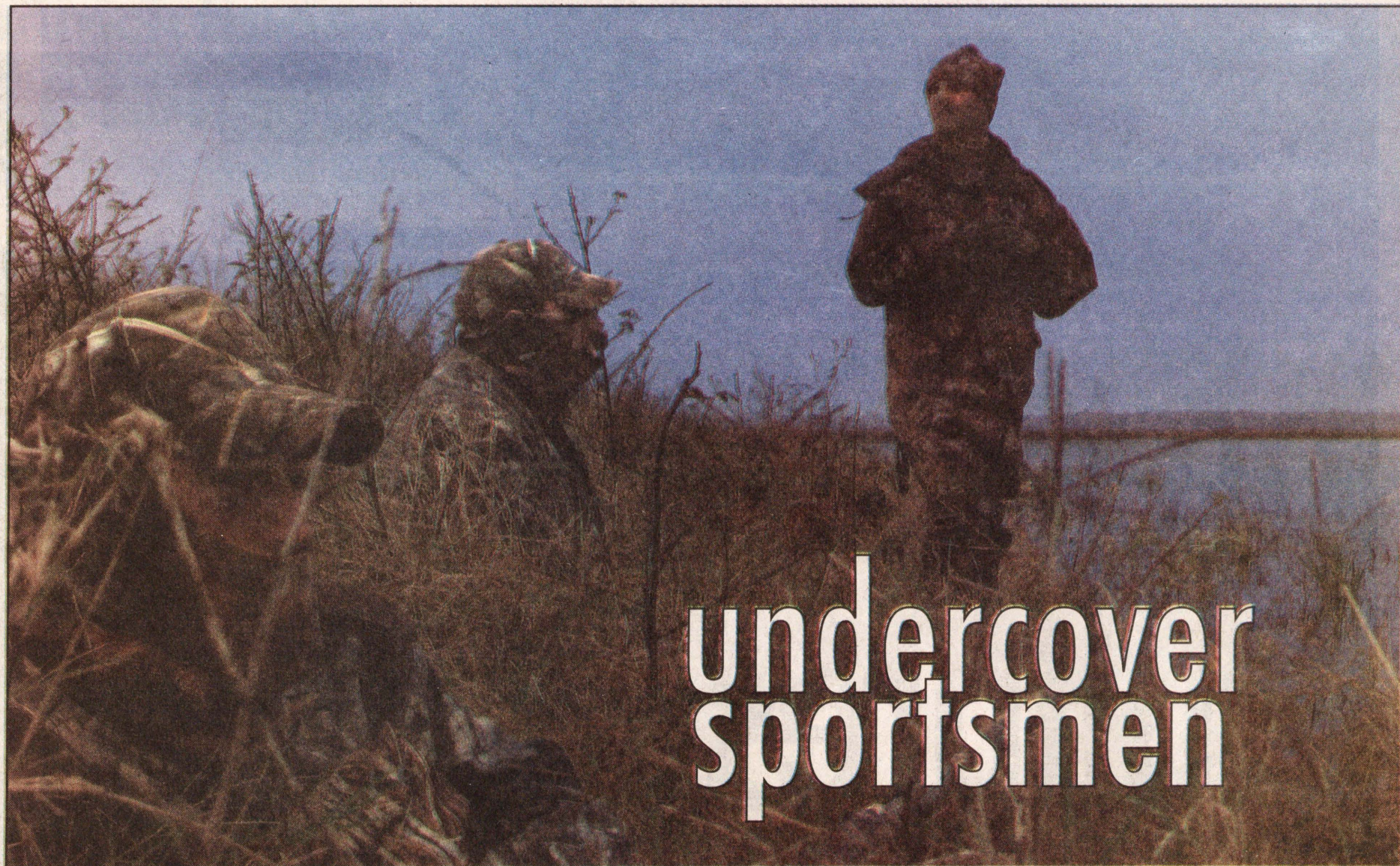
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Around dawn, junior Jeremy Lunn (far left) and sophomore Brandon Dodds (standing), along with Matt Paccino, hide between the bushes in Bald Knob, waiting for their prey. The men often got up early in the morning before classes to hunt their game.

Deer hunting season lures students

JONATHAN BLANSETT
student reporter

Memories of early-morning four-wheeler rides with my dad to his deer stand in Monticello to go deer hunting are among the most vivid I have of my early childhood. The rush — adrenaline coursing through your veins; the excitement; straining to see how big a deer is through the binoculars; unsteady hands and shaky breath all culminate into one shot — one chance to drop the creature before it detects you. Some may consider this a barbaric approach to “putting food on the table.” To those of us who do deer hunt, however, we know it as something more — a sport, a passion, a time of year.

“It’s a lot of fun when you get out there and it’s dark and you’re freezing,” junior Angila Cothren said. “It’s all worth it when you see that first duck or deer, not to mention the beautiful sunrise.”

Whitetail deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) are relatively small mammals with mature males (bucks) weighing more than 200 pounds and females (doe) weighing between 90-140 pounds, according to www.whitetails.com. These animals are adapted to detect predators,

possessing an acute sense of smell and hearing, but poor eyesight. Once a predator is detected, whitetails escape by outrunning them. They can reach speeds of up to 40 mph and can clear 8-foot tall obstacles, according to www.dnr.state.wi.us/org.

“It really [stinks] when you can’t find your kill — you want to just keep searching because you’re so proud,” Cothren said. “Then you want to get set back up for another kill. Hunting is the best because you don’t have to fancy up to go.”

Whitetails’ coats are a neutral brown with white undersides and chest; the deer tend to live in hardwood areas, according to www.whitetails.com. Deer are most active and likely to be seen during their mating season — or “rut” — which begins in early fall and continues through early winter (coinciding with deer season in Arkansas).

“Hunting is not only an adrenaline rush, but it’s a great time to bond with the others you hunt with,” sophomore Jordan Summitt said. “Some of the best conversations I’ve had have been with my buddies in the duck blind.”

This year alone, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) estimated the population of whitetailed deer in the state to be over 1 million. Deer

season begins Oct. 1 and ends Feb. 15. However, only archery may be used throughout the whole season. These dates can be found at the AGFC’s Web site.

The state is divided into 18 zones, but may have different permit limits, depending upon the size of the deer population as determined by a wildlife biologist. A map of these zones can be found at the AGFC’s Web site.

Part of the skill of hunting is determining what weapon to use.

“Bow hunting requires more outdoorsman skills because you have to lure the deer closer to you to get a shot,” junior Greg Northen said. “Whereas the rifle, you can get a lucky shot. Bow hunters have to be stealthy.”

It is important to recognize what constitutes a “legal” deer. Generally speaking, bucks may only be taken if they have at least three points on one side of their antlers. Doe are legal, and button bucks — young bucks lacking mature antlers — may be taken, but count as a buck, not a doe.

“Often hunters will mistake a button buck for a doe because the distance of the shot hinders visibility of the ‘nubs,’” sopho-

more Brandon Dodds said.

The essentials of a successful hunt include a weapon — bow and arrow, crossbow, muzzleloader, shotgun, rifle or a handgun

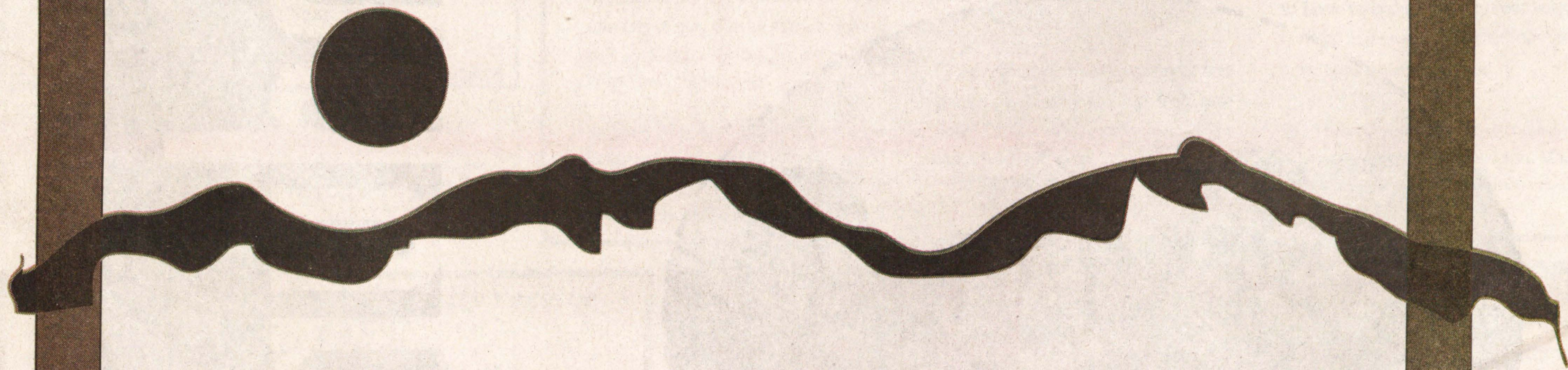
— hunter’s orange clothing (orange hat and an orange vest), a license and a place to hunt. Deer licenses are required for anyone over the age of 16 and may be purchased in any in-state sporting goods store or online at the AGFC’s Web

site. Prices range from \$25 for a resident hunter to \$225 for a nonresident or out-of-state license. Arkansas university students qualify as residents.

Permission to hunt may be secured via written document from any landowner on private lands, and public wildlife management areas may be found on the AGFC’s Web site. All deer must be tagged upon conclusion of the hunt at checkstations, which can be found at Agri Co-op and other outdoor stores.

“Hunting is a peaceful time to get out in God’s creation and see the beauty of the sunrise and sunset as well as his creatures,” senior Tim Blansett said. “I think everybody should try it at least once.” □

JORDAN SUMMITT,
sophomore



Fine-tuning cultures

International scholarship brings Central American entertainment

NATALIE LOLLIS
student reporter

To many people, the viola is simply the alto member of the violin family; to sophomore Elisa Garcia and freshman Lucy Velasquez, it is so much more. It is a ticket to a new world. These two women were led from Honduras into this country through their culture, family and love for music. They came to Harding after receiving the Walton International Scholarship.

The Walton family of Bentonville, Ark., created the scholarship for Central Americans to study at schools in America. The scholarship covers tuition, room, board, personal expenses and travel. It not only allows students to study in America, but also requires them to learn about American culture and democracy, providing special seminars and classes

to help them do so. There are many other requirements that must be upheld for recipients to maintain the scholarship, such as abstinence from any and all harmful substances, including tobacco and alcoholic beverages. Walton scholars must also maintain the same marital status for the duration of their schooling and uphold other Christian values.

"[I] thank God for the Walton scholarship," Garcia said. "Being here at Harding University was something I really didn't plan. I think of it as a blessing."

Velasquez said her schools and her family informed students of the program when they were younger.

"Since I was in the sixth grade I'd heard of the Walton Scholarship Program, so I was interested in [the United States], and I wanted to get the scholarship," Velasquez said. "So there was my desire to study in a better country ...

to improve myself and return to help my country."

Studying in the United States has also allowed Garcia and Velasquez to observe cultural differences between the United States and Honduras firsthand, such as eating habits, fashion trends and slang.

"My family is the most important thing in my life," Garcia said. "[My parents] are the ones that took me to church, and have encouraged me to grow in the Lord."

"Most of my Latin culture is one that showed us to always respect our parents and that we must do whatever they say," Velasquez said. "Our families are very united, and we spend a lot of our time with them."

Garcia said she wants to show others how she views her country.

"It makes me want to share with others the way my country is," Garcia said. "I want others to see the nice part of Honduras. I am really proud of what I am."

Velasquez said her mother influenced her musical life as a child.

"By her example I learn[ed] to work hard and to fight for my goals," Velasquez said. "Musically, my mom encouraged me to enter music school and always

try my best on both [high school and music school]."

Velasquez began music at the piano bench at the age of 9. Garcia has played viola for almost five years. Through many years of training, discipline and determination, the students achieved the dream they had when they were younger. □

"So there was a desire to study in a better country ... to improve myself and return to help my country."

LUCY VELASQUEZ,
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Walton scholars freshman Lucy Velasquez and sophomore Elisa Garcia practice their violas in the Reynolds. The girls have a strenuous schedule with practicing and schoolwork, but they still find time to relax with their friends.

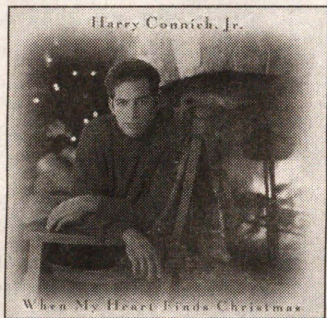


Connick finds classic Christmas

ZACH FONVILLE
student reporter

It's Christmas time again. People everywhere are pulling out their cheap plastic Nativity scenes, inflatable Santas and wire-frame reindeer to garishly decorate their yards. They're stuffing 13-foot trees into 12-foot living rooms and anxiously awaiting the coming of the holiday. It's time for you to pull out your old Christmas music staples:

Sinatra, Courier and Ives — maybe the Boston Pops? But what happens when your Mannheim Steamroller just isn't getting you in the Christmas mood? That, my friends, is when you go out into the rather mundane Arkansas winter weather and pick up a copy of "When My Heart Finds Christmas" by Harry Connick Jr.



Don't be turned away by its uncanny album art; this album is definitely a Christmas classic. Although this album was originally released in October 1993, it is currently number 218 in total music sales on Amazon.com. I would challenge you to find many more Christmas albums with that kind of staying power.

The magic in this album is the jazz-influenced big-band rapture that the vast majority of these songs allow you to experience. In the vein of crooners from the 1940s like Bing Crosby and Frank Sina-

tra, Connick takes his songs slow and simple on the surface, yet infuses them with his native New Orleans flare, making the entire album feel fresh, yet classic. The album as a whole, however, never gets stuck in place. Harry seems to have found the right mixture of old and new to propel his album into the ranks with the rest of the classics.

The high spots on this album are quite abundant, but the places where Harry really shines are in "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "Little Drummer Boy." The rich power of his big-band sound is stunning, and his voice simply floats along with the momentum he's already generated.

Despite the abundance of high spots, there are some low spots, I will admit. The album lags for a second at "Ave Maria," where Connick's writing fails to match the brilliance of the original, yet picks right back up with the incredibly fun "Wooden Soldiers on Parade."

You don't have to be a fan of Sinatra or big band to enjoy this album; indeed, this album may well be a stepping point for you out into the wonderful world of big band and jazz if you are not already a fan. Fans of Connick won't be disappointed, fans of big band won't be disappointed, and no true fans of Christmas will be discouraged by the album. □

Faculty Caroling



CHELSEA ROBERSON/The Bison

Wendy Neill, wife of music instructor Kelly Neill, sings Christmas carols with fellow faculty members Dec. 6 in the student center. Many faculty members gathered together to entertain the students and staff with their medley of seasonal favorites.

Children's author dies

CAITLIN CHESTER
staff writer

Stan Berenstain, co-author of 250 children's books, died Nov. 26 at his home in Bucks Co, Penn. of complications from cancer. He was 82. He co-authored the children's series "The Berenstain Bears" with his wife, Janice. Geared toward children ages 4 to 8, the Berenstain Bears introduces moral lessons and vocabulary. The couple devoted 43 years to writing the books.

"Despite changes in society in the last four decades, little has changed in 'Bear Country,'" a Nov. 29 CBS News article said.

"Kids still tell fibs and they mess up their rooms and they still throw tantrums in the supermarket," Stan Berenstain told the Associated Press in 2002. "Nobody

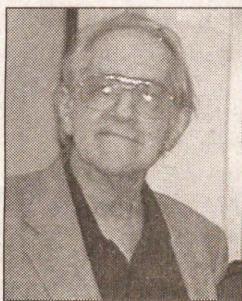
gets shot. No violence. There are problems, but they're the kind of typical family problems everyone goes through."

The first Berenstain Bears book, "The Big Honey Hunt," was published in 1962. The Berenstains developed the series under the supervision of Theodor Geisel — better known as Dr. Seuss.

"The goal of the books was to teach children to read while entertaining them," the CBS News article said.

"The books show children — and parents — how to deal with a long list of childhood challenges, from finding ways to share and watch less TV to overcoming the 'gimmies' and not succumbing to the 'in-crowd.'"

Berenstain is survived by his wife and two sons, Michael and Leo, who worked with Stan and plan to continue writing the series. □



happy holidays

Pat Morita dies, age 73

CAITLIN CHESTER
staff writer

Pat Morita died of natural causes Nov. 24 in his home in Las Vegas, according to a Nov. 25 New York Daily News article. He was 73.

Morita was famous for his role in the film "Karate Kid." Morita also starred in "The Shakiest Gun in the West." In 1998, he provided the voice of "The Emperor of China" for Disney's "Mulan." Yet critics consider the role of Mr. Miyagi, sensei, to be

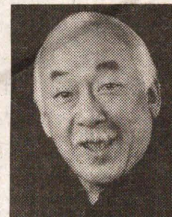
Morita's most notable work.

"It was both my honor and privilege to have worked with him and create a bit of cinema magic together. ... Forever my sensei," actor Ralph Macchio said.

Macchio played "Danny LaRusso" in 1984's "The Karate Kid."

Morita was nominated for an Oscar for his 1984 performance in "Karate Kid." Morita

returned for three sequels: "The Karate Kid II" in 1986, "The Karate Kid III" in 1989 and "The Next Karate Kid" in 1994. □



Newlyweds no more

CAITLIN CHESTER
staff writer

Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey stated in a Nov. 23 press release, according to Yahoo, that they were officially ending their marriage. The couple, wed in 2002, was rumored to have split earlier this year.

On Nov. 23, Lachey and Simpson released the following statement:

"After three years of mar-

riage, and careful thought and consideration, we have decided to part ways. This is the mutual decision of two people with an enormous amount of respect and admiration for each other. We hope that you respect our privacy during this difficult time."

Lachey signed on to an unnamed WB sitcom as a newlywed baseball player. Earthtimes.org names Danny Jacobson, "Mad About You," as writer for the show. □

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By Beth Fultz and Ashley Brown

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3.) **Don't forget fiber.** Add some bran to your favorite holiday breads, or throw some bran cereal in that fruit salad for an extra crunch.

4.) **Remember the holiday season is several weeks long.** Pace yourself as you eat throughout the season instead of shoving all those tasty treats into one sitting.

5.) **At parties, forget the food table.** Make one pass through the buffet line, then socialize; after all, isn't that what the holidays are for?

6.) **Remember that your eyes are generally bigger than your stomach.** Take smaller portions first; you can always get more of your favorites if you are still hungry.

7.) **Take a walk with your family after dinner.** Have fun with physical activities; be creative.

8.) **Think of ways to modify your favorite recipes to make them healthier.** Replace oil and butter with an equal amount of applesauce in your baked goods, or substitute low- or non-fat items instead of the regular fat ingredients.

9.) **Love to bake?** Bake to your heart's content and share your creations with a friend; sharing is caring!

10.) **Think logically.** Try to maintain your weight this holiday season. Make a New Year's resolution to lose weight after the holidays are over.

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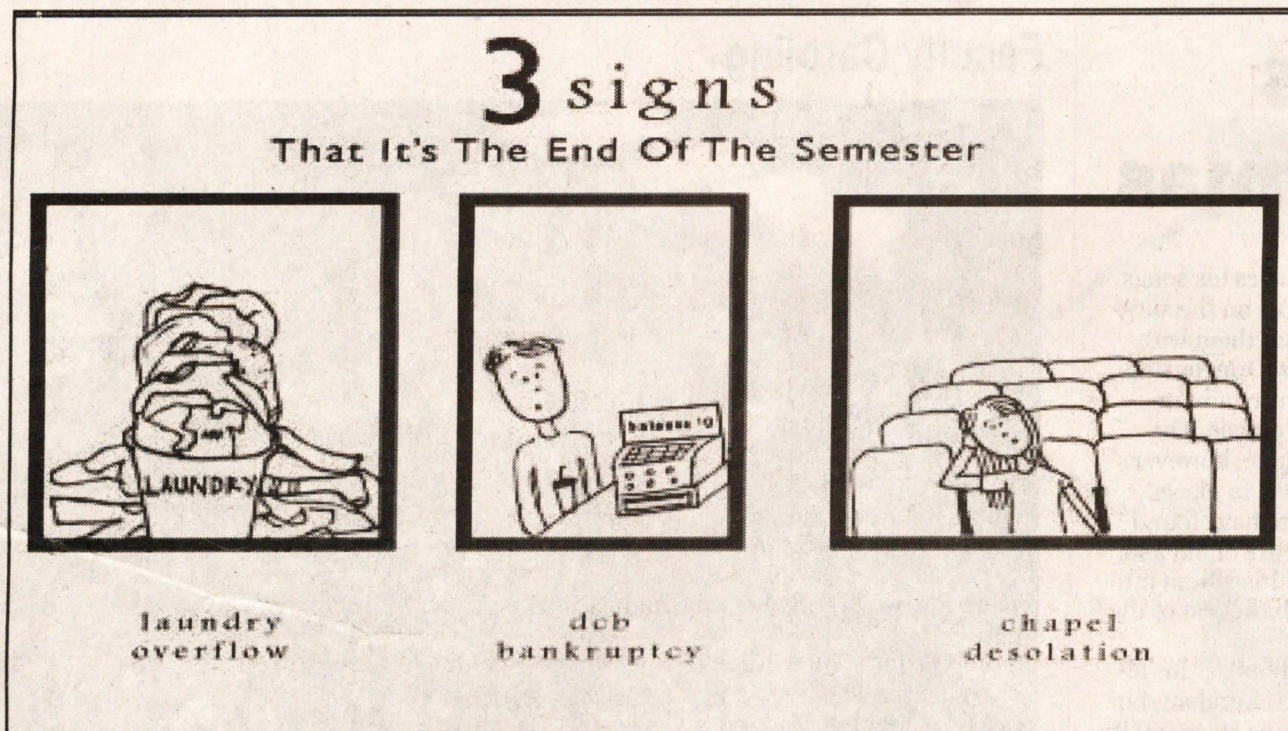
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Commercial failure

The occasional television watcher laments advertising flaws

I try not to make television watching a habit, especially since the only times I'm really drawn to it are when the mounds of homework fill up all my desk space to the point that even pointlessly surfing the Internet has become too inconvenient. But there's something that has perplexed me for years, every time I turn on the television.

If I am watching television for the sake of forgetting my troubles and term papers, I am aware that my joy must soon end and I must get back to work. So, I want the most joy out of the least amount of procrastination. I think this is only sensible. So why would I want to watch a commercial with a person describing one or two incredibly vague symptoms, then giving the name of a medicine I've never heard before and suggesting that I call my doctor immediately and ask him to get out of bed (my best procrastination only begins after 10 p.m.) and prescribe it for me?

Then, if I don't leap to the phone before the lawyer comes on and lists off all the possible side effects (nausea, headache, rash, loss of appendages, bad test grades and death), I am stunned back into inaction wondering what this "medicine" is anyway. How are these types of commercials profitable for medical companies? Do that many Americans rush to their doctors demanding random medications because a once sad but now happy lady told them to (probably against her lawyer's counsel)? Either way, it's

MEGAN WHITTINGTON

Humor



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worrisome.

Another real concern in the commercial world is the huge category I've entitled Commercials for Products that People Would Find on Their Own if They Needed Them. Surely you know what I'm talking about. Think any commercial that makes you suddenly very aware that your mother, friend of a different gender or preacher is sitting right next to you. Take, for example, toenail fungus medicine. How much of the population needs it? Don't wanna know. But I do feel that if I needed medicine for it, I'd be aware of it and seek it out. It's certainly not the animated fungus bug digging around under people's disgusting cartoon toenails that will convince me to buy the product.

One more category: the I'm So Excited that You Might Come to My Business that I Can't Speak at a Normal Decibel division of the industry. Now I realize that I take yelling a bit more personally than some people, but I still think the

point stands: If you want me to come see you, don't yell at me. If you'd like to tell me in a calm voice about your sale, I'll be happy to listen. True, I may tune you out since I don't need a car, but if you start to holler at me, I will change the channel altogether, and that's just not good for you and more work for me. Car salesmen seem to have a (perhaps undeserved) reputation of being pushy, anyway. Why capitalize on that?

Most car commercials make me want to drive the car I have until the engine falls out, and then I think I'll just walk. All I can figure out is that they're going off the classic teacher mantra, "if I'm excited, my audience will get excited about it too" (think songs about the quadratic equation). But there's also the well-known "children will cry if yelled at" bit of wisdom. And really, when you think about it, cars are another commodity that fall into the "I'll shop for it when I need it" category, anyway. I see no perks here.

The point? Commercials have their place, and that place seems to fall about every two minutes in the typical show. So they should be used to advertise non-embarrassing, useful items in a non-abrasive, inviting way. Is that too much to ask? If I'm going to waste my time in front of the television, at least let me enjoy my idleness. □

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Do Harding's rules apply equally to all?

In past years, I've learned to overlook certain privileges that those in clubs enjoy (lax dress code, particularly for formals; extended curfew for Spring Sing practice; special treatment from a few teachers during Club Week) as mere annoyances.

However, one event from this year's Club Week has caused me to question many of the ideas that clubs on this campus stand for.

On the last night of Club Week, the "Seminole Stomp" was held. While this event itself does not say anything bad about the clubs involved, how it transpired does. First, the event, scheduled to begin at 11:30 p.m., didn't actually begin until at least 11:45. If those of us in the dorm are expected to abide by "quiet time," then why should certain people be allowed to violate this rule right outside three dorms?

My biggest objection to this event, however, is that the Harding dress code was ignored. Many of the men wore togas covering half of their upper torsos with no shirts underneath, and many of the women participating wore similar togas with only spaghetti-strap tank tops under theirs — a few more wore just their bras. For those of us who came to Harding to get an education and try to follow the rules, such an event is a disturbing indication of the willingness of Harding to "look the other way." (After all, sponsors not only have to attend but approve of such events.)

While I am not calling for an end to all clubs and their activities on this campus, I am simply asking for fairness under the rules and a tolerance of opinion for some who don't like clubs as much as others seem to.

Timothy Michael, junior

God doesn't necessarily love our hobbies

In addressing the chapel presentation on Dec. 5, discussion of everything that went awry with the speech (wanton references to homosexuality and inappropriate language for example) would exceed 300 words. So, to focus, the speech was a frightening picture of what Christianity could become in the 21st century. At one point the speaker gave a list of personal characteristics, such as his love for mosh pits and foam fingers, and assigned them as traits of "his god." The logic (according to the speech): Since we are made in God's image, those things that we "love" are reflections of God in us.

I couldn't believe I was witnessing the New Age ideas which threaten to twist Christianity creeping onto the Benson stage. Individual gods for everyone. The concept couldn't be more backward from what is presented in Scripture. God does not love what we "love." When we are baptized into Christ, we are to be transformed by the Holy Spirit and love what God loves. Our hobbies aren't reflections of God, especially since many of our hobbies are vices. To say that God loves what we "love" removes him from the center of the picture and firmly plants us in his place.

Diluted Christianity is all the rage, consisting of funny stories and personal, feel-good theology. A funny story doesn't make a good speech and certainly not a good devotional. A feel-good theology does more than ruin a speech — it leads people astray. The plague of "my god works for me" has finally seeped through the cracks and captured at least one chapel presentation. The urgency to remember who God is and what Jesus said has never been greater, nor has the fear that it might be too late.

John Calvillo, senior

SUSANNA SMITH



Guest Space

Mission work needed in the United States

I was probably 15 when I first read the little book "This is Your Time" by Michael W. Smith. He was my favorite music artist at the time, so I soaked in his words like any young fan would. And that's where I read about Rocket Town.

Rocket Town is a teenage hangout/concert venue/skate park in downtown Nashville, Tenn. Smith started it in 1994 to reach out to street kids who otherwise would have had nowhere good to go. He staffed the venue with Christians ready to spot teens who needed help, and, in the back rooms of the locale, counseling changed the lives of many of the Nashville teenagers who came through the doors.

I had always wanted to be a missionary, but it was in reading Smith's book and seeing his example that my paradigm of mission was transformed.

Mission work isn't just about living in a hut and learning a different language. It's not about fund raising to construct a concrete building where the church can meet on Sundays. It's not even about having Swahili sermons ready to fire whenever I encounter a Masai tribesman on the road. It's about reflecting that incomprehensible love and acceptance that can't be found anywhere but in God. Who needs this message most?

As much as I'd like to think I'm living in a Christian nation, I'm among the American generation that doesn't know Jesus, the generation that doesn't encounter him every day in speech, in practice, in education. A great majority of a person's childhood, for example, is spent in school — a school where it is illegal to encourage any type of religion, especially Christianity. That leaves us with a nation that is ignorant to that earth-shattering love that belongs to one person — Jesus Christ.

If not public education, then take the media. How often does the media teach our nation about the "abundant life" that Christianity offers? Whatever the reason, America doesn't know and cares less and less about this "Jesus" guy, because no one is taking the time to really tell them what he's all about.

When I got to Harding, I found out I wasn't the only person who thought differently about spreading the gospel. I had a smashing idea of starting a Christian nightclub in downtown Los Angeles, and then I found out that similar things were starting all over country.

Marvin Crowson, who hosts a domestic missions Bible study in his home, told me about a church that meets in a sports bar and another group of Christians that meets in a pool hall. He also told me about teams forming to go to Boston and Los Angeles, ready to change the concept of what "church" is. Why should it be limited to A-frame buildings and pews?

I don't know if my nightclub idea will ever pan out, but I do know that I have a completely different approach to "evangelism." There is no mold I have to fit, except to follow the model Christ gave me.

Wherever we are, we should be there, taking the time that's necessary to show those around us the love of a community that forgives and understands beyond any group of people they've ever encountered. That's what it means to be the body of Christ — to embody this love and grace that can break the power of any evil a person may run across. □

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Winter-induced oblivion

Weather, end of semester begin to fatigue the college student

OUR VIEW

Even modern Americans who have complete control over their in-home climate unconsciously react to the weather.

The winter begins to press: Students run to class without looking up from the scarves over their mouths; dorm heating systems frazzle girls' hair; the weight of papers, projects and finals mingled with the need to say goodbye to friends before break crushes free time into a tiny parcel to be mailed home, opened up and enjoyed later. And the weather bleeds us.

In some respects, ending a spring semester is more difficult than ending the fall semester, because the good byes are more permanent, the future more daunting. For Christmas break we don't always have to worry about finding a job or moving out of the dorms; often we end up taking it easy for three weeks before coming back to school for another nine rounds of halfhearted late-night homework and studying. But the weather is harder during a winter break.

It's funny: Even modern Americans who have complete control over their in-home climate unconsciously react to the weather. By now, the days are winding down around 5 p.m., and people rush home to get in their flannel jammies and bar the door against the cold wind. Although the thermostat reads 73 degrees, we still huddle over our cups of coffee and keep an extra quilt at the foot of the bed. And every morning we check the weather forecast while still bleary and regretful of leaving the cocoon of blankets, and we sigh and choose our thickest sweaters. In Arkansas. As if we were in the Arctic circle.

To be fair, many people love the cold, can't wait for it to snow and never wear a jacket to class. They revel in the cold as if they were Iditarod huskies, laughing as they saunter across campus in their flip-flops. Or perhaps the lovers of the cold do wear a jacket and rush to class like the rest of the students, but they never whisper a word of complaint about the weather.

Still, windburn and the gray sky provide the scenery for brooding, and the general pointlessness of academic study as we know it provides the subject.

At this juncture in the semester, even the most academically inclined of students begins to care less about schoolwork and flip into survival mode: One project due before we can start the last paper, one paper left and then finals, three finals left and then we can pack, one more night in the dorm room and then we can finally put all our dirty laundry in the car and go home. Pervasive sleep deficit and poor eating habits compound the intellectual fatigue.

By the time midnight breakfast rolls around on Monday of finals week, you could throw a pebble and hit a dozen people who have completely given up on schoolwork. The lifestyle of taking five or six classes, living out of an ever-dwindling bank account and trying to keep up with your hundred closest friends is too much. And the bleak winter sun heightens your awareness thereof.

And yet at the same time, you're also fully aware that somewhere within the absurdity of studying during every moment that you're not in class, you have a responsibility to live. You have a responsibility to live today, in fact, and not postpone your life until after you hand in your last exam. But what does it mean to live?

Is leisure time what ransoms the entire rest of one's working life?

Or should living be bigger than a few minutes of fun?

In the last vise grip of the fall semester, the last obligatory leap of stamina before taking off for parts unknown, these questions dog us. Or dog some, at least. But maybe we can postpone their urgency long enough to get through finals. □



REBECCA KING

The King's Court

Cop v. unruly grandmother, Taser wins

Everyone overreacts to a situation sometime in his or her life. Perhaps you've waited in the Space Mountain line at Disneyland for 89 minutes, and someone cuts in front of you; you yell at him and make disparaging comments about his mother. Or maybe you're trying to work on homework, and your little brother keeps tossing a football in front of you; you grab it and toss it down the laundry chute. Or perhaps it's just one of those days, and you wake up on the wrong side of self-control and end up Taser-ing a 68-year-old grandmother five times.

That was the overreaction of an Ohio police lieutenant Dec. 7, according to an nbc41.com article. The 68-year-old woman was at the police station to be arrested for hitting her granddaughter. After waiting for a long time in the lobby, she said she got up to leave, and the officer shocked her with a Taser gun.

Now, I know there are some very strong women. And I know there are some very weak men. But what middle-aged police officer needs to Taser a grandmother to make her sit down? If this had happened a few years ago when Taser guns weren't the next hot commodity in police action wardrobe, the man would have probably grabbed the woman's arms and handcuffed her. The officers on "Cops" use their strength to arrest wild, strung-out druggies all the time. The only drug this woman was probably using was Aspercreme.

The fruit of the Spirit is comprised of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Granted, when we get cranky and overreact, these qualities aren't on the top of our list. But this officer was apparently not fruitful in the least; after he Tasered the woman five times, she had to be taken to an area hospital. He didn't even get a good arrest out of it.

The police lieutenant said that he is the victim in the case, and that the woman was resisting arrest. Like that's going to make him look better. Yeah, he Tasered her five times and she had to be taken to the hospital, and he's the victim here.

Can you imagine the family Christmas letter this year? "Little Timmy is getting ready for T-ball in the spring. Jenny grew 5 inches and is now speaking in sentences. This big guy here Tasered a grandmother five times."

Let me now clarify that I have every respect for law enforcement. They do a job that is dangerous and often thankless. And I'm impressed with how the police officers in my town handle Taser guns; in order to be issued one, they are first made to experience the shock of one. Imagine waking up and knowing that, by the end of the day, you will be Tasered. And you go on and do it anyway. That's a pretty tough job.

We're all guilty of overreacting. But next time you wake up on the wrong side of self-control, pause for a moment to remember the Ohio lieutenant who bravely Tasered an elderly woman to the ground.

You might narrowly escape shame in the next family Christmas letter. □

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Editor's Note: I would like to thank all our readers for their continued support throughout the semester. You may have noticed a Readership Survey in your campus boxes this week. Please take the time to fill those out and send them back to us by Dec. 13. We will use your comments to make next semester even better. One of the changes we will be implementing next semester is the discontinuance of the Club Hub. The staff has enjoyed serving you, and we look forward to another great semester in the spring.

An equatorial Christmas

Panamanian student looks forward to the holidays at home

Here in the States, the Christmas spirit has been hard for me to muster. Wednesday's holiday chapel maybe wasn't exactly what I needed, but it got me one step closer to feeling like Christmas.

A few weeks ago, our freshman class took over the task of decorating our campus with wreaths, ribbons, and twinkling lights, but it wasn't enough. What about a Christmas shopping trip? That wasn't enough, either.

What has happened to me that, regardless of how many holiday-themed windows I walk by, the stereo system playing Christmas tunes at night by the front lawn or that Christmas tree in the middle of the lily pool, I still can't get excited about the season?

I'm not becoming the Grinch, that's for sure. Even he would get a kick out of the decorations (only, he would steal them).

My problem is that it is too cold for Christmas.

I know what you might be thinking "Is she insane? It's perfect outside!" But not for me. Right now in Panama, the place I call home, average temperatures are around 90 degrees all year long, and children are getting ready to enjoy their summer va-



SUSANA VELIZ

Cultural Voices

You'd better eat as much as you can on Christmas Eve, because if you don't, you'll be eating leftovers all the way to mid-January.

cations. Crazy, isn't it? Tunes like "Baby, It's Cold Outside" or "Let It Snow" don't quite fit my ideal Christmas scenario.

You might be wondering what's so special about Christmas in Panama that I'm willing to travel at least 14 hours, between flights and layovers, to spend it there.

First, Christmas in Panama means light summer breezes, and the scent of cinnamon, clove, and saffron in the air.

Second, Christmas time is family

time. You can't beat quality time with family, and if you knew my family, you'd know the real meaning of quality time. Just imagine spending the night in a house with my uncle José and his two daughters who drove seven hours to stay with their favorite cousin (that would be me), my other uncle José and his wife, and my grandfather bickering at the television because he can't find any non-holiday-related programming.

Then there is my grandmother, who has spent the better part of the day in the kitchen making sure no one eats our Christmas dinner while it's still cooking. My grandma's sister is in the kitchen too, except she's the one my grandma should be keeping off the food.

The bedrooms, hallways and living rooms are cluttered with duffel bags and suitcases and about a dozen shopping bags from last-minute Christmas shopping.

My sister, my cousins and I race each other to get a slot in the bathroom, trying not to be the last one ready when it's time to go to Christmas midnight Mass. Mom is trying not to lose what little is left of her sanity and threatening us with leaving behind whoever is not ready when it's time to go. Have I mentioned there are only three bedrooms and one bath-

room in my house?

Third is the food. When hosting a legion at your house for Christmas, you need to make sure that your guests are well fed. A choice of tamales, made out of corn batter and stuffed with pork or chicken; rice with chicken; sweet plantain; roasted pork; or turkey with stuffing, if you want to get fancy, are just the entrees for a time of gorging — I mean, sharing a nice meal with your loved ones. You'd better eat as much as you can on Christmas Eve, because if you don't, you'll be eating leftovers all the way to mid-January.

Fourth is the music and dancing. After spending the better part of the day indulging with Grandma's cooking, you need to do something to burn those calories. Dancing to old school Christmas salsa seems like the best way to soothe your digestion.

So you Northern people can enjoy your white Christmases here in the United States. I'm going home for a little bit of salsa dancing, some food and a lot of family, all in weather warm enough for shorts. □

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Web Talk

In response to the latest *Bison* poll, "Was this year's Club Week an improvement on last year's?" 22 percent of voters said it was, while 78 percent said it wasn't. Visit the *Bison's* Web site to vote in this week's poll: Does dead week effectively help you prepare for finals? Results will be reported in the Jan. 27 issue of the *Bison*.

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Club process altered, reactions vary

The social club process is on the verge of significant changes, including the elimination of Induction Week and the Induction Review Team, said officials at an Inter-Club Council meeting April 26.

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Major League Baseball changes penalties for use of performance-enhancing drugs



PHIL CARLAND
Guest Space

Major League Baseball officials revised their policy on steroid use among players Nov. 15.

The new stipulations include stricter punishments for those who test positive for using not only steroids, but amphetamines as well. After widespread recognition of supplement use among professional athletes, the punishments for supplement use in MLB were revised because of the pressure Congress was putting on MLB officials to prohibit use of performance-enhancing drugs.

Hypothetically, if the penalties were not intact, this could easily open the door for anyone to be a star player.

Currently, those who test positive for steroid use are suspended for 10 days for the first offense, 30 for the second, 60 for the third and a year for the fourth.

However, the new provisions are stricter. According to an article by Howard Fendrich, the first offense calls for a 50-game suspension, a second offense 100 games and a third offense a lifetime ban. For amphetamines, the stipulations against use require mandatory

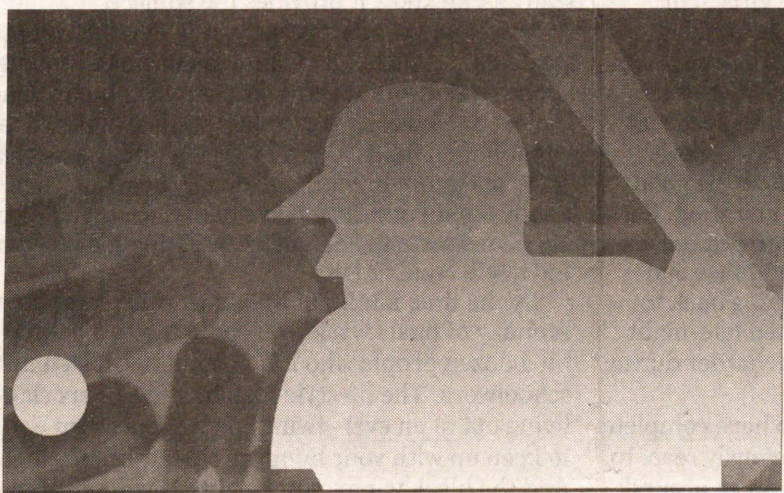
additional testing for the first positive test, a 25-game suspension for the second, an 80-game suspension for the third and commissioners' discretion, with an arbitrator able to review, for the fourth.

The use of steroids has been a hot topic among baseball's officials, players and even fans for a number of years. Many believe the use of steroids to be a form of cheating, taking away from a player's natural ability. However, there are those who believe supplement use to be okay.

"Man, it's not like this is the Olympics," Giants slugger Barry Bonds said to an ESPN reporter March 3 at the Cactus League. "We don't train four years for a 10-second event. We go 162 games. You've got to come back day after day after day. We're entertainers. Let us entertain."

Though Barry's statement regarding ball players being entertainers may be true, it does not justify the use of steroids.

The acknowledgement of amphetamine use is rather new. Amphetamines are said to be the most widely abused supplement in MLB, according to an article by Jeff Blair and



NATHAN LOONEY

James Christie, of the Globe and Mail. Amphetamines aid in reducing fatigue, thus increasing awareness on the playing field.

"I'm for cleaning the game up, but there [is something] about the issue of amphetamines that makes it different for me," Red Sox centerfielder Johnny Damon said. "It's a 162-game season. Two or three cups of coffee isn't going to do it for a lot of guys."

If the 162-game season is so detrimental to players that they have to result to steroid and amphetamine use, perhaps the season should be shortened. Better yet, the players could stop whining about the penalties for supplement use and just play the game the way it has been played for the past 190 years, without the use of steroids.

Even though some believe

baseball to be merely entertainment, the majority of fans respect the game and wish to see it played without performance-enhancing supplements. The use of supplements that increase strength and awareness is a form of cheating and unfair to players who do not use them.

Hypothetically, if the penalties were not intact, this could easily open the door for anyone to be a star player. The result would be nothing more than a temporary act of entertainment with little or no fan base, because there would be nothing unique about each entertainer.

The use of performance-enhancing supplements needs to be controlled for the sake of separating each player's individual talent and savoring respect for the game of baseball. □



BRIDGET CLARK

The Inside Pitch

Battle of bowls

Fans and teams gear up for greatest display of football athleticism to come

As football draws to a regular season close and the postseason bowl games kick into gear, I have but one piece of advice: If you predict games, whether college or pro, make sure you know what you're talking about, especially when you're up against an avid football fanatic.

It would have been nice if I had known Ohio State had lost two games this season, while Michigan had lost four, before I made a little wager on the Nov. 19 game. Ohio State beat Michigan 25-21, which meant I had to wear an Ohio State shirt for a day. Thankfully, the Ohio State fan forgot the shirt.

The following are my predications for the Heisman Trophy (presented today) and the bowl games in the coming weeks, which I can be more certain about than the Ohio State vs. Michigan game.

Remember the days of Michigan player Charles Woodson in 1997? He took home the Heisman that year. Now, Ohio State linebacker A.J. Hawk is looking to take what Woodson captured. If he succeeds, Hawk would be the only defensive player to gain the Heisman since Woodson. Notice that no Michigan players are in the running this year for the trophy.

When it comes to picks on who will take the Heisman, look no further than tailback Reggie Bush of USC. His speed and moves are unlike any runner in college football.

Bush ran 513 all-purpose yards against Fresno State and rushed for 294 yards.

Quarterback Matt Leinhardt, also from USC, is in the race for the Heisman. Leinhardt is 31-1 as a starter and is predicted to go number one in the National Football League draft next year. Leinhardt's season stats leave him with 245-of-391 passing yards, 27 touchdowns and three interceptions. He also won the Heisman last year. This season, though, Bush has outplayed Leinhardt. If that doesn't persuade you, look at the record of USC.

For the past two years, USC has won the national championship. In fact, they haven't lost a game since Sept. 27, 2003, when they played Cal Berkeley.

Who will face USC in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 4? I predicted Tennessee would have a good season (I'm from Knoxville-I should

show some support), but they won't be playing USC. Actually, Tennessee won't be playing anybody else this season.

Tennessee's season ended at 5-6. Their fate was sealed when they lost to the Vanderbilt Commodores Nov. 19 at Neyland Stadium, which is really sad, because almost no one loses to Vandy on their home field. All chances for Tennessee to go to a bowl game were thrown out- this will be the first year since 1988 in which the team won't see play at a bowl.

Former Tennessee quarterback Peyton Manning is carrying the Indianapolis Colts to a 12-0 season, the first record to go past 10-0 since the Denver Broncos in 1998. If you want a prediction for the Super Bowl Feb. 4 at Detroit's Ford Field, go for the Colts.

Don't go with the Detroit Lions (many of you aren't that ignorant, I know). They won't be playing on their home field for the Super Bowl. Even though I hold out hope for the Lions every year, the latest Thanksgiving Day loss to the Atlanta Falcons, 27-7, had me wondering why I remain loyal.

So, if the Lions aren't playing on their own field for the Super Bowl, my next pick would be the Atlanta Falcons. Yes, they are the team that beat the Lions on Thanksgiving, but I can't wish the Broncos to play because the statistics say the Colts should play. I've learned my lesson - I'm going with stats instead of

what team I would really like to see there (the Broncos).

Even though my Pizza Pro Challenge predictions are often off, I have a good feeling about my college and pro picks for the big games. (All right, I had a

little assistance from my brother on Thanksgiving Day.)

The USC Trojans and the Texas Longhorns play in the Rose Bowl Jan. 4, with the Trojans taking the win. The Colts and the Falcons face off at the Super Bowl, with the win belonging to the Colts. The Super Bowl game will be a high-scoring one, with Manning pulling some good plays, but mostly the defense will drive the Colts.

If I am wrong about my predictions, well, it won't be the first time. Remember, know about the team before you start talking as if you know what you're talking about. □

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-Averages 5.4 rebounds per game

Catherine McMenamy

-Assisted HU with two wins, averaging 17.3 points

-Averages 14.4 points per game

-Shot 70 percent from the line

West GSC Players of the Week

-Led Bisons to a 3-0 week

-Career-high 27 points in one game

Brandon Sims

-In 34.3 minutes of action, averaged 22 points and 9.3 rebounds

-Led HU in a 99-92 victory over rival North Alabama

Bisons maneuver after game injury

Matt Hall in rehabilitation with torn ACL

ABBY RODENBECK
student reporter

The Bisons opened their season Nov. 18 against Missouri-Rolla in the Rhodes Field House. With just a little more than seven minutes left in the first half, the crowd watched as junior guard Matt Hall went down following a jump shot.

Hall was treated immediately and came out during the second half to support his teammates as they beat Missouri-Rolla 102-77. Not only did the Bisons win the game, they also set a school record by hitting 17 three-point goals throughout the game, Scott Goode, sports information director, said.

With the loss of Hall, the men's basketball team is in the process of making some changes and is still on track for a season of success, head coach Jeff Morgan said.

The team, including Morgan, was shocked and disappointed when they found out that Hall, one of their starting guards, had torn his anterior cruciate ligament (ACL), Morgan said.

"We were really disappointed for Matt because he is in the best shape that he's ever been in, and he has worked so hard this offseason to be where he is today," Morgan said.

Hall said he will be going through extensive rehabilitation for the next six to nine

months. He plans to continue with his training as much as possible and stay in shape so he will be ready to play next season.

Morgan said he has no doubt Hall will train just as hard as he has in the past and be healed and prepared for next season.

Hall said his rehab will consist of working on recovering his range and motion for the first month.

Despite the let-down, Hall said he is making the best out of this situation.

"I still don't know if it has set in yet," Hall said. "I always have to remind myself of what happened. I know that God has a plan for me, though, and I have faith that somewhere down the line it will have all worked out."

Despite the team's loss, the Bisons have picked up where they left off on Nov. 18. In the game in which Hall was injured, records were set by individual players and the team as a whole, Goode said. Junior Cole Kee set a career high 18 points. Junior Alassane Savadogo and sophomore Jacob Thies both had a team high of nine rebounds. The Bisons have also defeated North Alabama 86-78, who had beaten Delta State previously. Delta State was picked as a preseason favorite. The

Bisons had their revenge on Alabama-Huntsville on Nov. 29 when they defeated them 71-65 in the Rhodes Field House.

Morgan and Hall both have a lot of faith in this year's team. They both said that the team's goals have not changed; the team still plans on competing with all of the Gulf South Conference teams to the best of their ability.

"I have been really proud of the guys and the way they have responded," Morgan said. "We are just trying to figure out what we need to do differently without Matt. We just might have to find our niche in other areas."

Goode said some of the challenging teams this season will be Alabama-Huntsville, North Alabama, Northwestern State, Delta State and Henderson State.

Students still have high hopes for the Bisons as well and continue to support them during this transition period.

"I really like to see other players step up and take leadership roles," senior Nathaniel Barnett said. "When Hall does come, back he will have more of a complete team. I know they are going to have a good season, and I still think we are going to have a good team without Hall playing. I think they are going to continue to get better the more they play together." □



HALL

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MATT HALL,
junior guard

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Women's Basketball (Record: 6-2)

- 12/05/05 Harding 97, Arkansas Baptist 53 - W
- 12/03/05 Harding 80, North Alabama 60 - W
- 12/02/05 Alabama-Huntsville 67, Harding 61 - L
- 11/06/05 Harding 73, St. Edward's 63 - W
- 11/25/05 Harding 84, Central Baptist 41 - W
- 11/22/05 Harding 99, North Alabama 93 - W
- 11/19/05 Missouri-Rolla 84, Harding 76 - L
- 11/17/05 Harding 91, Lyon 76 - W

Men's Basketball (Record: 6-1)

- 12/05/05 Harding 94, Arkansas Baptist 83 - W
- 12/03/05 Harding 99, North Alabama 92 - W
- 12/02/05 Harding 93, Philander Smith 76 - W
- 11/29/05 Harding 71, Alabama-Huntsville 65 - W
- 11/23/05 Harding 86, North Alabama 78 - W
- 11/21/05 Alabama-Huntsville 64, Harding 52 - L
- 11/19/05 Harding 102, Missouri-Rolla 77 - W



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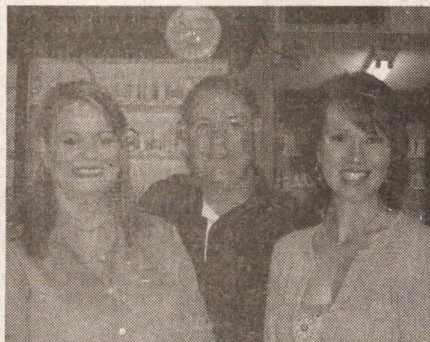
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Holiday

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Freshmen Jennifer Martin (left) and Rachal Blake (right) decorate a Christmas tree Nov. 28 in the Lily pool. Other freshmen decorated the campus with strands of lights, creating a picturesque scene after dark.



Senior Jonathan McLean plays his trombone Dec. 7 during Holiday Chapel. The band played holiday favorites like "Sleigh Ride" and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer."



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